

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 233

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sherrie Byrd upon receiving the
White House Chamber of Commerce
Community Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Sherrie Byrd, an esteemed resident of White House, is the 2009 winner of the White House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hendersonville High School, Mrs. Byrd earned her general banking degree from Volunteer State Community College and later graduated from the Southeastern School of Banking; she is also a graduate of the White House Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, a long-time resident of Goodlettsville, Sherrie Byrd moved to White House with her husband in the early eighties, and, in 2000, they purchased a farm in Orlinda; and

WHEREAS, Sherrie Byrd has succeeded in a wide range of endeavors through the application of her considerable talents; in 1977, she became a teller at the Bank of Goodlettsville, working in a variety of areas within the bank; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the bank opened its first White House branch and asked Mrs. Byrd to be a part of the new team; because of her outstanding service and assiduous help in opening the White House branch, Mrs. Byrd was promoted to Assistant Vice President; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, she transferred to Cumberland Bank when it opened a branch in White House, and, eight years later in 2003, she became Branch Manager of that new branch; and

WHEREAS, an experienced and highly respected leader within her business, Sherrie Byrd was promoted by GreenBank to Vice President in 2008; and

WHEREAS, she has lent her superb leadership skills to numerous civic endeavors and is an important figure in the advancement of many worthy organizations in White House; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of the White House Quarterback Club, Mrs. Byrd served the club as secretary for three years and was awarded the George Nash Citizen Award in 2002; she assisted in establishing the Big Blue Banners as well as the Blue Devil Sports Network, organized fan buses for the playoff games each year, and currently stands on the Board of Directors for the club; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active member of the White House Rotary Club, which she joined in 2003, and of which she is the 2009-2010 President of the Club; she has been a member of the Kiwanis Club since 2004 and currently serves as the 2008-2009 President; and

WHEREAS, Sherrie Byrd's outstanding civic participation also includes her involvement with the White House Chamber of Commerce, of which she stood as President in both the 1999-2000 and 2007-2008 terms; she has been a valued member of the Chamber's Board of Directors for many years and has instituted many of the Chamber's current activities, such as reinstating the annual Fourth of July Celebration and honoring United States Veterans on that day; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrd has given her time and energies to the United Chamber of Commerce, the White House Inn Library Committee, and the Relay for Life Committee, of which she is a longtime supporter and has served as Captain of a Team for numerous years; and

WHEREAS, beyond her civic involvement and professional achievements, Sherrie Byrd is a community leader to the core who has won the admiration of the people of White House because of her tremendous commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrd founded the Harvest Moon Bluegrass Festival, which is annually enjoyed by the people of White House and also serves to promote local businesses and non-profit groups; and

WHEREAS, she is also the founder of Who's Your Neighbor Benefit, which raises money to benefit White House families with overwhelming medical expenses, and of the Dash

Memorial Motorcycle Run, which was designed to honor the memories of the victims of the 2008 tornados and to financially assist their families; and

WHEREAS, Sherrie Byrd is a faithful and active member of Northridge Church; and

WHEREAS, she is grateful for the loving companionship of her husband of thirty-three years, Jimmy Byrd, and is the loving mother of Breanne Cole and Caleb Byrd; and

WHEREAS, she is greatly admired by her grandchildren, Ruby and Shane; and

WHEREAS, the greater White House community and the State of Tennessee are undoubtedly better places to live because of the life and service of Sherrie Byrd; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Mrs. Byrd who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Sherrie Byrd for her many contributions to the good people of Tennessee, her unwavering commitment to others, and her astute leadership in White House; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Sherrie Byrd, upon receiving the White House Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, commend her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.